

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action received in the above referenced application dated June 23, 2004. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1 – 6, 8-13, and 15-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 15 have been amended. Claims 7, 14, and 20 are canceled.

Allowable Subject matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 7, 14 and 20. To advance prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15 to include the features recited in the allowed claims, without prejudice to pursue other claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application be advanced to allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102(e)

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Csapo. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that the amended claims are patentable in light of the cited art. Csapo does not disclose or suggest the features of Applicants claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 3, 10 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Csapo; and claims 5, 6, 11-13, 18 and 19 are rejection under 35 USC §103 over Csapo in view of Judd. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that the amended claims are patentable in light of the cited art. Csapo, either alone or in combination with Judd, does not teach or suggest the features of Applicants claims.


Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to

call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50,2319 (Order No. A-70598/MSS (467282-134)).

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